

P-465, 475/PA-88-938 APPROVING SALE OF ASSETS AND REVOKING CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of U.S. Link, Inc. and Brainerd Telecom, Ltd. for the Sale of Certain Assets of Brainerd Telecom, Ltd.

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ORDER APPROVING SALE OF ASSETS
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 5, 1989 U.S. Link, Inc. (U.S. Link) and Brainerd Telecom, Ltd. (Brainerd Telecom) filed a joint application under Minn. Stat. § 237.23 (1988) for Commission approval of the sale of certain assets of Brainerd Telecom to U.S. Link. The joint application stated that Brainerd Telecom would no longer be providing long distance telephone services in any form.

The Department of Public Service (the Department) investigated the proposed transaction. The Department recommended approval of the transaction and revocation of Brainerd Telecom's certificate of authority to provide long distance services. Brainerd Telecom did not oppose revocation of its certificate. No other party commented.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Brainerd Telecom has entered into a contract with U.S. Link for the sale of its customer base, customer billing records, and end user equipment. The terms of the transaction are fair, reasonable, and do not jeopardize the public interest. The transaction will be approved.

Brainerd Telecom has stopped providing long distance service, has so informed its customers, and is in the process of divesting itself of all marketable equipment connected with the provision of long distance service. The Company does not intend to resume providing long distance service. Under these circumstances, it is neither necessary nor appropriate for the Company to retain its certificate of authority to provide telecommunications services. The certificate of authority will be revoked.

ORDER

1. The joint application of U.S. Link, Inc. and Brainerd Telecom, Ltd. for Commission approval of the sale of certain assets of Brainerd Telecom to U.S. Link is granted.
2. Brainerd Telecom's certificate of authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services, granted March 4, 1987 in Docket No. P-475/NA-87-24, is revoked.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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